Chazhur-Alappad road.

157. Mr. C. V. Kuriyan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether amounts were not budgetted in 1104 and 1105 for the construction of the above road;

(2) whether amounts were not allowed to lapse in 1104 and 1105:

(3) whether land acquisition has been made by the Government for the same;

(4) if not, what is the cause for the delay;

(5) how long was the file relating to the acquisition pending with the revenue authorities;

(6) whether the revenue authorities have passed orders for acquisition;

(7) if not, what is the cause of delay?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) Yes.

(3) No.

(4) The people of the locality had promised that they would surrender the necessary lands and the work was sanctioned on that condition. It is now reported that the people are not willing to act according to their original promise. It has therefore been ordered that the Diwan would inspect the locality and come to a decision on the question.

(5), (6) and (7). No answer is required in view of the answer to sub-division (4) above.

Articles in the "Ezhuthassan" regarding Cochin Forest Department.

158. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether their attention has been drawn to the series of articles "The Cochin Forest Department" appearing in the weekly paper "The Ezhuthassan" published from Vadakkancheri;

(b) if the answer to sub-division (a) is in the affirmative, whether any enquiry has been conducted into the truth or otherwise of the allegations made therein;

(c) what is the result of such enquiry?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—(a) Yes. Some of the articles have been noticed.

(b) Yes.

(c) The allegations have been found to be groundless.

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